EXIM Bank) will form the basis which will enable banks to use rediscounting of export bills without any reduction in refinance limits. Besides, in the past 18 months several measures have been taken by the RBI to ensure timely delivery of credit to exporters and removal of procedural hassles. These measures include provision of 'On line credit' to exporters, extension of Line of Credit for longer duration for exporters with good track record, peak / non-peak credit facilities to exporters, permission for interchangeability of pre-shipment and post-shipment credit and meeting the term loan requirements of exporters for expansion of capacity and modernisation of machinery and upgradation of technology. Improvements were also made in the procedure for handling of export documents and fast track clearance of export credit at specialised branches of banks. Moreover, new simplified guidelines were issued for sanction of credit facilities for software services project services and software products and packages.

Review of ongoing Economic Reforms in Rajasthan and Orissa

5410. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have till date reviewed the performance of ongoing Economic Reforms Programme in Rajasthan and Orissa as compared to other States, in the country;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof, State-wise;

(c) the States lagging behind in implementing the reforms; and

(d) the steps taken till date for achieving the targets set in above mentioned States indicating whether any external assistance from World Bank proposed to be taken to Rajasthan and Orissa during the current fiscal year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) While economic policies and programmes are under constant review, Government have not reviewed the performance of ongoing economic reforms programme in individual States of Rajasthan and Orissa. States are free to pursue economic reforms programmes depending on their specific requirements, within their constitutional jurisdictions. The question of Government taking steps to achieve any targets set by State Governments thus does not arise.